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The Center for Career Services hosted morning and afternoon ceremonies to honor 300 students who completed Career and Technical Education programs at our Valhalla Campus June 10. Valedictorian Ariel Novominski and Salutatorian Jadyn Washington gave addresses, as did Deputy Superintendent/COO Brendan Lyons, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services James Gratto, and Principal Evangelo Michas. Scholarships were awarded by the Southern Westchester BOCES Education Foundation to Ms. Novominski

and Mr. Washington as well as students David Nunez, Samantha Perkaj, and Jose Luis Medina. Certificates were presented by Dr. Lyons, Mr. Gratto, Board of Education President John Filiberti, Principal Evangelo Michas, Social Worker Eileen Yip, and school counselors Anna Macchia, Monica Mann, and Kevin McAllister. Director of Career Services Dahlia Jackson gave the closing address. View full galleries from both ceremonies under CCS Student News at <https://careers.swboces.org>. Congratulations and best of success in the future to all our students!

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A Message from the Director



How quickly a school year seems to have flown by once the celebration of another Annual Recognition Ceremony fades into memory. The Career Services Campus in Valhalla honored 300 worthy students who completed our diverse range of programs, sending them into the world equipped with the skills and work-based learning experience needed to succeed and excel.

Please browse the galleries of colorful, full-resolution photos here and on our website from both ceremonies. Find yourself, or your student, among their peers, teachers, support staff and administrators, all eagerly marking these significant achievements. We think you'll find a few gems suitable for framing and sharing.

As we look back on the spring term, so much was accomplished even before certificates were awarded and speeches made. Valedictorian and Engineering student Ariel Novominski of Edgemont returned to the SkillsUSA statewide conference in April and won the silver medal for Related Technical Math for the second straight year. Meanwhile, EMS student Brianna Osorio of White Plains was elected president of health fields student organization New York State HOSA for 2023-24. Future examples of such success are sure to come from the ranks for the 39 new members of our chapter of the National Technical Honor Society.

We also said goodbye to a veteran educator, hosted the annual Car Show, brought back the annual Job Fair and saw students collaborate on an innovative food truck challenge, and more. All in a school year's work! We wish everyone a restful summer and look forward to returning for another year of accomplishment!

Dahlia A. Jackson

Director, Southern Westchester BOCES
Center for Career Services



CAREER FAIR CONNECTS CTE STUDENTS WITH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Event draws big crowds following pandemic hiatus



There was a buzz in the conference room in Building D on the Career Services campus as students took advantage to explore potential jobs during a Career Fair on May 25. Representatives from several industries in the region gathered to talk to students about job opportunities and the training required.

"This is the first one we've had since before COVID," Principal Michas Evangelo said. "We have a lot of different opportunities for students. It's an opportunity to expose students to what's open to them."

Laura Womack, the recruiting coordinator with EPIC Health Care Management in Croton-On-Hudson, said her organization was looking for anyone who is willing to work and was inclined to provide care to the elderly.

"We're looking for anyone who has compassion for people and healthcare," she said, adding that the facility had jobs in delivery, recreation, housekeeping, front desk, human resources assistance and more.

The event allowed students from all classes to stop in. Junior Keyiona Gray from New Rochelle High School, an Animal Science student, said she has two loves — makeup and animals. She was looking to find a summer job and was excited to talk to representatives from Ulta Beauty.

"It gives you a head start," Keyiona said of the Career Fair and finding a good fit for future work.

Senior Emma Huerta, a student in the Sound Production program from Eastchester, said she was looking for a summer job.

Ultimately, she said, she is interested in joining the military, but in the meantime she is also considering attending community

college for hospitality and wanted to talk to those who may offer work and information.

Automotive student Kevin Lorenzana of Port Chester said he was considering the Army as an option and was glad to have spoken with the recruiter who was at the Career Fair. However, he'd like to attend college and is interested in sports studies.

"It's a good thing," he said of the Career Fair. "It's a big help for the students to see what is out there."

Ariana Wright Steele, HR Coordinator/ Recruiter with The ARC of Westchester, said she was looking for individuals who had a lot of energy and enthusiasm to help people.

"They have to have a passion for working with people with disabilities," she said.

"This work is more about having a heart," said Roger Jarren Palmar, her fellow HR Coordinator and Recruiter. "It takes a certain individual... We are looking for drive, people looking to do meaningful work."

The fair attracted representatives from the health care industry, the Department of Correction, the Postal Service, area colleges, the Army, several unions and more.

Assistant Principal Phil Donohue was instrumental in organizing the event. He said that throughout the year students are exposed to opportunities that are available for those interested in attending college immediately after high school. He said several students had expressed interest in learning more about opportunities for those who plan on going right to work.

"With the current labor shortage, this is a great opportunity for us to make those connections with groups that are looking for help," he said.

Administrative Representative Michael Cruz

with the Universal Technical Institute said he was there to talk to students about its automotive program.

"If they complete our auto program, they can get a 10 percent discount on tuition in the form of a grant," he said.

Some auto dealerships offer monthly incentives to help pay student loans, he added, which could also be a great recruiting tool for recent graduates.

High School Presenter Cody Velez from the College of Westchester said students on this day were asking her what majors her school offers and where were they located.

Ms. Velez said she was there to answer students' questions and to share information on her school's programs for those who may not have a clear idea of what career they'd like to pursue.

"We host a career fair, and for those who are unsure we also offer a 'Find Your Passion' workshop," she said.

Perla Arellano, a Community Outreach Specialist with the Office of State Sen. Shelley Mayer, visited the fair as well.

"She's always been very involved with the youth," Ms. Arellano said of the senator, who she added hosts a Youth Advisory Council. "I came today because the senator wanted to see what BOCES was doing to help young people."

Southern Westchester BOCES Board of Education member Nilesch Jain also stopped by the fair and noted how the labor shortage and rise in minimum wage was a great incentive for students looking to start their careers.

"Any preparation or help you can give to students to assist in them finding jobs is fabulous," Mr. Jain said.

Honor Society welcomes 39 new CTE students

The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) at the Southern Westchester BOCES Career Services campus welcomed 39 new members at its annual Induction Ceremony held May 11. The NTHS encourages higher scholastic

achievement, cultivates a desire for personal excellence, and helps students' find success in today's highly competitive workplace. NTHS also awards an increasing number of scholarships each year to member students.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Standout Engineer Student Medals – Again AT SKILLSUSA



Ariel Novominski returns to Syracuse a year later and takes the podium one more time

Southern Westchester BOCES Career and Technical Education student Ariel Novominski won the Silver medal for Related Technical Math at the prestigious SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships in late April.

That very statement was also true one year ago when the then-junior from Edgemont first accomplished the feat. She was among 28 SWBOCES students who attended the competitions from across the #CTE programs. “The kids enjoyed it,” advisor Ray Sulla said. “They had a good experience. The juniors can’t wait to go back next year because now they know what to expect.”

For her part, Ariel reflected on her accomplishment and on her decision to make a CTE credential a core piece of her high school academic career.

What does it mean to you as a CTE student to compete so successfully at SkillsUSA?

“As a CTE student who excelled on stage and emerged victorious after competing with my peers, the feeling of accomplishment was indescribable. It is imperative that we realize that there are no limits to what we can achieve and that we set our goals as high as possible. It is vital that we do not confine ourselves or place any restrictions on what we believe we can accomplish. So go ahead and aim for the stars, because the sky is not the limit!”

As a graduating senior, what would you tell incoming CTE students about SkillsUSA and why they should get involved?

“Without a doubt, I wholeheartedly endorse and encourage everyone to become a part of SkillsUSA. It is more than just an organization at SWBOCES; it is a tight-knit family that provides a platform for you to

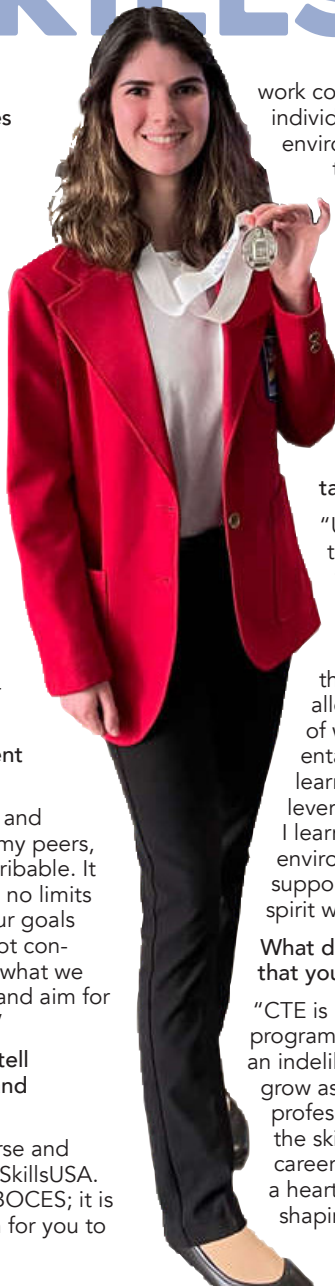
work collaboratively with like-minded individuals who excel in competitive environments. The synergy and camaraderie that you experience as you prepare for the competitions is truly remarkable. You will witness the power of teamwork and collaboration, and you will feel a sense of drive and motivation to strive for excellence and succeed. So, if you are seeking an opportunity to enhance your skills, expand your network, and be a part of a supportive community, then SkillsUSA is the place for you!”

As you look ahead to college, how do you feel about your decision to take the CTE path?

“Undoubtedly, my time at CTE was a transformative experience that enabled me to gain a comprehensive understanding of the field of Engineering long before I even step foot in college. The program provided me with invaluable insights into the intricacies and nuances of the profession, allowing me to gain a better understanding of what my daily routine as an engineer would entail. Furthermore, it helped me discover my learning preferences and taught me how to leverage them to my advantage. Through this, I learned that I thrived in a collaborative environment, where teamwork and mutual support were key, and where the competitive spirit was balanced by the spirit of cooperation.”

What did you figure out about the value of CTE that you’d want other students to understand?

“CTE is much more than a mere half-day program; it is an enriching experience that leaves an indelible mark on one’s life. It has helped me grow as an individual, both personally and professionally, and has equipped me with the skills and knowledge to excel in my chosen career path. I would relive this experience in a heartbeat, as it has been instrumental in shaping me into the person I am today.”



RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

RAY SULLA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CTE INSTRUCTOR RETIRES, ONE MORE TIME



From the rink to the beat to the classroom, Ray Sulla always aimed to be the best

If professional hockey was plan A for Ray Sulla, and a storied career in the NYPD was plan B for the Bronx native, then teaching Security, Law & Policing at Southern Westchester BOCES's Career Services campus the last 15 years has been an unexpected but rewarding plan C.

Mr. Sulla entered his second and final retirement at the end of this school year. A quiet classroom on a sunny June morning is not where things seemed likely to wind down when he was drafted out of high school by the NHL's original Winnipeg Jets. He'd injured his knee in high school, costing him a shot at playing for Boston College, but the Jets wouldn't let his 96 mph slap shot slip away without a long look.

That look lasted three years with a Jets farm club before he failed a medical exam and went home.

"I finished out my year, came back and I was depressed," he said. "My friend says, why don't you take the test and become a (New York City) cop? I said why? He said, they'll pay you to play hockey."

Sure enough, he entered the police academy and later tried out for the NYPD hockey team, one of 250 vying for 18 spots. So he upped his game and impressed coaches with his physicality.

"The captain of the team skates up and says, can you do me a favor and take it easy on these guys," he recalls. "They've got to go to work in the morning."

He played for his first 12 years as a police officer until injuries took a toll and stayed on the job for another decade rising to the rank of detective sergeant and commander of the 41st precinct Detective Squad. When he retired, he went to work for the Department of Homeland Security, continuing his training in explosives and chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction, traveling the country as an instructor.

"I loved that," he said. "That was the greatest job. Next to the police department, that was the greatest job."

He is also a licensed private investigator, a notary public, an armed security officer, an NRA Range Safety Officer, and a security guard and First Aid/CPR instructor.

Later, while working in Mount Vernon training peace officers for Yonkers Raceway, a student told him about an opening at SWBOCES for a criminal justice instructor.

Parlaying his expertise in this new setting was challenging. He believes he has been successful because he knows his stuff and because he was an engaging instructor. He used his own case files to teach forensics, and emphasized repetition and

fundamentals in ensuring students grasped the material.

As advisor to the campus's SkillsUSA, his teams would always sweep regional competitions and were the team to beat at states. Being a teacher is different from police work or even professional hockey because teachers strive to bring out the best in others.

"You reiterate," he said of his approach. "It's hands-on. So you've got to learn the law, but we're going to keep going until you've got it down."



His students would ace criminal justice procedure challenges because they knew things like how to make an arrest or how to perform felony vehicle stops. "Seeing that they understood it, it was satisfying to me, that what I know, they got it and they're doing it," he said.

Many have gone on to college and become the star students in their criminal justice classes, including one at Iona University whose professor put up the acronym NEOTWY - detective shorthand based on the Who, What, Where, When, How and Why of criminal scenes - on the board.

"He looks at her and says, you know what that means? She says yeah. That's the who, what, when, where, why and how of an incident," Mr. Sulla recounted. "So he says, who taught you that? She says, my high school instructor."

Besides SkillsUSA, Mr. Sulla was also on the Board of Trustees for NYS HOSA, a student group for health

occupation careers, and held the same role with CJS/TECI, a statewide organization of BOCES criminal justice instructors.

He's had students follow in his footsteps. One is a police officer in Hastings. Another works in his old precinct — "So I

had my guys look out for him." — and is transferring soon to New Rochelle.

Dahlia Jackson, Director of Career Services, said Mr. Sulla's shoes will be a challenge to fill. His passion for both policework and for his students made him an asset to her instructional team.

"Career and Technical Education is a unique area for a teacher because it requires industry-level expertise and the ability to impart knowledge and understanding to students," Ms. Jackson said. "Mr. Sulla embodied what it takes to succeed as a CTE instructor. We will surely miss him but wish him the very best."

Longtime colleague Damian Powers agreed.

"Ray has always been a good friend and a dedicated teacher," Mr. Powers said. "His work with SkillsUSA has always gone above and beyond."





CAR SHOW

Annual event lets enthusiasts, visitors see all that Careers Campus offers



Mary Nello spent her Sunday braiding hair and painting faces. "Rainbows and unicorns," she said.

There were cute kids, yes, and — although she's still just a high school senior — absolutely no pressure.

"I'm a very social person," she said. "I'm not nervous. I really like it."

Students at the SWBOCES Center for Career Services had the opportunity to put the skills they've learned to the test during the annual Classic Car Show, which drew hundreds of visitors to the Valhalla campus June 4. The show, which was supported by the Rock 'n' Rods Car Club of Yonkers, provided a chance for the curious to browse decades-old cars and gave proud car owners the occasion to show off their vehicles, which were each refurbished to mint condition.

While the colorful, classic cars lined the campus parking lots, BOCES students worked the busy event in all corners. From the Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, TV/Video & Sound Production, Emergency Medical Services to Culinary Arts programs, the event gave the students a setting to practice the trades they've learned on guests rather than just teachers or classmates.

"It helps us learn and practice how to take blood pressure readings like when we are out in the field," said Zack Finkel, a junior from Eastchester enrolled in the EMS program.

Students like Nello, a senior who is also from Eastchester, and her Cosmetology classmate Ava Pietronuto have already gained enough experience to start working in their chosen field. Nello, who has interned at a salon, has already been granted a full-time job offer

Culinary Arts



TV/Video & Sound Production



Emergency Medical Services



that she expects to begin after graduation. Pietronuto has leveraged her new skills into a job at Sephora. She has plans to continue that and hopes to also land a job at a salon after graduation.

They'll both need to log 1,000 hours of work experience to earn state certification but are well on their way to that goal.

"This is super fun and we're both already used to it," said Pietronuto, a senior from Pelham. "We've learned so much. Our teacher taught us the science behind how hair coloring works and the way it can affect certain hair types."

It's the combination of those specific skills and the life skills they've been taught that give them so much confidence about the future.

"It has really taught us what to do and how to work with people if you work in a salon," Nello said.

Around the campus, other students gained valuable experience. A crew of TV/Video & Sound Production students filmed footage and taped interviews with car owners and chefs. The Culinary Arts students cooked breakfast and assisted with lunch.

Finkel and fellow EMS classmate Kieran Mullin were stationed at one table and recorded blood pressure readings for their visitors.

Mullin, a junior from Hawthorne, said he has already learned worthwhile BLS (Basic Life Support) skills this school year, his first as an EMS student. His mission is to one day work as a paramedic, and he views the program as a means to that end.

"I saw the program and thought it was interesting," he said. "I'm glad I tried it. I've really learned a lot."

CTE PROGRAMS COLLABORATE ON FOOD TRUCK CHALLENGE

Culinary Arts students enlist peers from Commercial Art as they bring concepts into reality



Picture this: a food truck, with a smiling, cartoon character taco on the side inviting passersby to enjoy their choice of hard shell or soft shell, chicken, beef or fish, spicy or mild — and while there, maybe some friendly conversation and a personal connection.

This is the brainchild of Kailey Leon, a Culinary Arts student from New Rochelle.

"I don't know if there's any way to do it," Kailey said to her creative partner Yaeliz Baerga, "but to make it so that you could have a little taco guy on this side peeking his head out and saying, 'Let's Taco!'"

Yaeliz, a Commercial Art student, also from New Rochelle, loved the idea.

"I'm going to have so much fun designing this guy," she said.

"I hope you do," Kailey told her. She is glad to have the help of someone with Yaeliz's skillset to make this project a reality.

The taco concept stems from her sense that tacos bring people together to talk and eat in a uniquely social way, she said. It's an extension of her personality to want to have a business that accomplishes the same thing.

The collaboration between Yaeliz and Kailey is one of several that took place this spring between the two programs. Chef John



Damiani turned to fellow instructor Damian Powers, whose Commercial Art students are a perfect match to make this project a reality.

Each Culinary Arts student must develop an original business plan for a food truck. Beyond the basic concept, they must come up with an artistic design, logo, menu, pricing plan and social media marketing plan. They then applied their culinary skills to a cook-off challenge.

Besides excellent cuisine, Culinary Arts is also about the business and all that it takes to succeed in a competitive industry. That's what Chef Damiani prepares his students to do. A food truck is a great way to build a successful business from the ground up, he said.

Sometimes a business needs to hire a professional consultant, like a graphic designer. Enter the Commercial Art program. Mr. Powers's students match up well with many of the campus's 20 CTE programs for collaborations like this.

"This is yet another opportunity for our students to gain real-world-type work experience," Mr. Powers said. "These chefs are the clients, and it's the responsibility of my designers to meet their needs. That's a valuable lesson."

Emma Stockhausen of New Rochelle is developing a plan for "Em's Panadas," working with designer Ashley Solis of Valhalla. Ashley suggests capturing the White Plains skyline in the truck's exterior design.

"She's helping me," Emma said, "because I definitely have certain ideas in mind, and she's adding her creativity."



SWBOCES Career Tech student elected president of statewide organization



Brianna Osorio of White Plains will lead New York HOSA in 2023-24

For a student who embraces challenges that take courage, Brianna Osorio admits she was afraid to run for president of the statewide student organization she joined last fall.

A student in the Emergency Medical Service program, Brianna plans to become a paramedic after high school. Long-term, her ambition is to become a trauma surgeon. Fear clearly does not dictate her choices. The presidency of New York HOSA, however, was an intimidating prospect.

"Hearing everybody else give their speeches, everybody's so smart. They sound so confident. I thought I wasn't going to make it," the White Plains High School junior said. "When I made it, I thought, don't let the fear control you."

HOSA Future Health Professionals, formerly Health Occupations Students of America, is an international career and technical student

organization. Brianna was elected president for the 2023-24 school year at its Spring Leadership Conference in Syracuse in April,

Students from multiple SWBOCES medical field-related programs typically attend the spring conference. Brianna was among a dozen students, all in the EMS program, who won awards in this year's skills competitions. She and a partner took first place in CPR/First Aid.

As president, she'll lead the planning of future conferences. She is already attending meetings and learning the ropes. She said she wants to bring out the best ideas of her peers and help them reach their potential.

At the conference, she was one of the last candidates who gave their speech.

"When you sit there listening to everybody, what they want to bring to HOSA and what they want to change about HOSA, it made me think, wow, they have good ideas," she said. "I want to bring those ideas out as well."

When Brianna first enrolled in the EMS



program, she didn't know what HOSA was.

Her teacher, Robert Del Greco, encouraged her to join and has been pushing her ever since to take on more responsibilities. It was he who encouraged her, after an issue with her conference paperwork, to change her plan to run for HOSA secretary and run for president instead.

Some students simply rise to the occasion when presented with the opportunity to lead, Mr. Del Greco said.

"She struck me from the beginning as someone who would not back down from any challenge before her," he said. "I keep throwing more and more at her, and she hasn't budged."

As soon as she found out she won, Brianna texted her mom and sister as well as a close family friend on whom she relies for support and encouragement. Still, she found it hard to believe the news herself.

"It's insane," Brianna said, laughing. "When they called my name I thought they were messing with me."



STREET FASHION EXHIBIT SPARKS CREATIVE DESIGNS, HIGHLIGHTED ON VIDEO

(TE STUDENTS PUT THEIR ORIGINAL INSPIRATIONS ON DISPLAY FOR A DAY



Students in Carmen Galiano's Fashion Design and Merchandising class wound down the school year with a flourish, staging an exhibit of original street fashions of their own inspiration.

What took the project to another level was a partnership with their peers in TV/Video Production, who helped them produce a video component aimed at marketing their designs.

"They were in the mood for everyday clothing," teacher Carmen Galiano said of her students' selection of street fashion for their culminating projects. "Where do you go for street clothes? You don't see it so much in the suburbs."

With that, the class took a field trip to New York City, visiting two destinations for inspiration: RiseNY's virtual tour of Big Apple history and the Fashion Institute of Technology's "Fresh, Fly and Fabulous" exhibit on "50 Years of Hip Hop Style."

"That's home for me," Ms. Galiano said, recalling the neighborhood shops of her youth, which she recently revisited.

"I grew up in the city. I rode the trains."

After seeing her students succeed throughout this past school year, she was confident they could pull off this one-day event. They were tasked with designing, sewing and assembling their displays, which had to be put in place for a one-day exhibit before being broken down and removed — not unlike a real-world scenario in the fashion world.

"If you see the work that they did and you see the clothing, you'll see that it works," Ms. Galiano said.

Indeed, the video display vividly embellished the static displays, which featured mannequins dressed in student designs alongside their personal statements and descriptions and photographic imagery.

Each of her students was paired with a first-year TV/Video Production student to produce a green-screen-based, 10-second video clip to promote their fashion designs. Merchandising is in the course title, and it's a key emphasis of the curriculum.

Such collaborations among teachers are

common on the Valhalla Careers campus.

This one brewed for months before quickly coming to fruition in the final week of the school year. A little extra collaboration took place when Cosmetology students came by to do hair and makeup for those appearing on camera.

Video is a great way to market most fashion whereas models are effective mainly for high-end products, Ms. Galiano explained.

Street fashion isn't one single thing or set of influences, Ms. Galiano said. It's more diverse. Fashion historically was set from the highest levels of society and flowed down, she explained. Street fashion came along and bubbled upward. It had its detractors early on, but it has stood the test of time.

"I was going for a current look," said Mila Hossain, a junior from White Plains, "because with street fashion you can be comfortable and look great."

Students from other programs were invited to tour the fashion show and vote on their favorite fashions, video and merchandising as well as the items they would most like to wear.

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COMMERCIAL ART

COMMERCIAL ART STUDENTS' WORK HONORED IN REGIONAL EXHIBIT

Damian Powers's students were among 251 entrants from the Lower Hudson region to submit to the prestigious exhibit



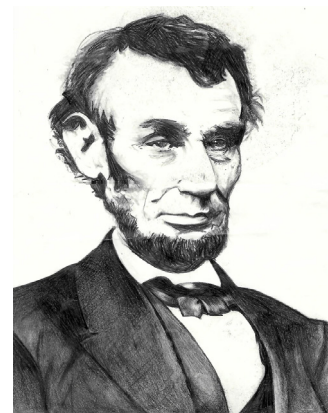
Eight Southern Westchester BOCES Commercial Art students were honored with Exemplary Awards by the Lower Hudson Region of the New York State Media Arts Teachers Association (NYSMATA).

The award winners, all student of Teacher Damian Powers, are: Arianna Hoover Lluesma, Emma Rincones-Parra, Mina Rincones-Parra, Alianna Martinez, Eve Uribe, Yaeliz Berga, and Isabella Rodriguez.

The awards were announced in late May, and students' artwork is featured in an online exhibition created to showcase the amazing work of outstanding media artists from the Bronx, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties.

A record 251 High School students from 14 Lower Hudson Region High Schools entered, submitting 475 works of art and 32 short films. Judges looked for unique content or subject matter; a clear message or meaning; a creative approach; and high production values: camera/image, sound, lighting, editing.

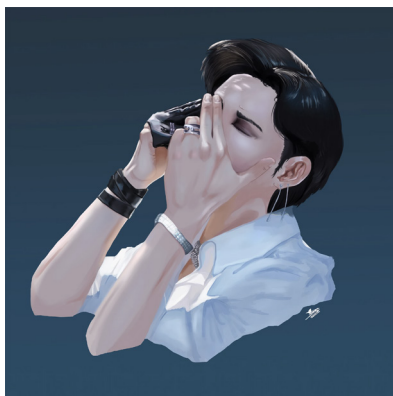
"I'm constantly impressed by these students' creativity and ambition to take their artwork to another level," Mr. Powers said. "This honor is particularly gratifying as it is a fitting culmination to the school year to see their hard work so visibly recognized."



Eve Uribe,
Computer Art



Yaeliz Berga,
Computer Art



Emma Rincones-Parra,
Computer Art



Alianna Martinez,
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